

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 211

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor Taijon Jones on being named a finalist for Class AAA Mr. Basketball.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to our exemplary athletes who have attained the pinnacle of competition, bringing great honor and acclaim to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such extraordinary athlete is Taijon Jones, a senior basketball player for the Oak Ridge High School Wildcats, who has been named a finalist for the 2017 Class AAA Mr. Basketball award in recognition of his athleticism, intelligence, and leadership on the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, finalists for this year's Mr. Basketball awards were selected by a statewide committee of sportswriters based upon the players' performances during the regular season, with academic performance and moral character also being considered; and

WHEREAS, 2017 marks the second consecutive year that Oak Ridge has produced a Mr. Basketball finalist; and

WHEREAS, playing on a team with several great players, Taijon has come off the bench to inspire the Wildcats to victory and won the team's Sixth Man Award for his impact during key moments of games; and

WHEREAS, he ranks second in Oak Ridge basketball history for career three-point shots made with 189; and

WHEREAS, maintaining an excellent 3.06 grade point average, Taijon has led the Wildcats to a 30-2 record thus far; and

WHEREAS, he was named most valuable player of the tournament as the Wildcats captured the district championship; and

WHEREAS, Taijon and his Oak Ridge teammates have since won the regional championship and bested David Crockett by thirty points in the sectional game; they will compete in the state tournament on March 15; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding young man should be recognized for his exemplary performance on the basketball court and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Taijon Jones on being named a finalist for Class AAA Mr. Basketball honors, commend his performance as Oak Ridge's sixth man and go-to player, and wish him and his teammates much continued success in the state tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.